

Minutes of Meeting
CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
Newton Police Department – The Community Room
7:00pm – Wednesday – March 16, 2011

Commissioners Present: Frank Wolpe (Chair), George Cullen, Marc Epstein, Leonard Fisher, Bernard Goulding, Colleen Rosenbaum, Scott, Rosenbaum, David Winer, Richard Wing

Commissioners Absent: Louis Bruno, Marjorie Kagan, Benjamin Rubin, Fred Winer, Frances Shaer,

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Matt Cummings, Jeff Silton, Bruce Apotheker

Regular Invited Guests Present: Debra Darcy

Regular Invited Guests Absent: Ellen Manning, Richard Catrambone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Wolpe, Chair with his observation that Lt. Bruce Apotheker called him today to deliver an abbreviated Crime Report. The good news is the crime is down in the City by 34%, year to date and that car breaks are also down from 52 year to date from 80 last year to date.

By a unanimous vote of members present and constituting a quorum, the draft minutes of the November 17, 2010 and December 15, 2010 were approved.

Next, liaison persons reported on their activities during the preceding month.

George Cullen, CPC elder affairs liaison, told how the NPD Elder Affairs Officer Eric Rosenbaum had to reschedule (because of snow) the joint NPD/CPC Elder Fraud Conference from February 2, 2011 to April 6, 2011. JCC officials will provide the outreach to its members; and NPD Officer Rosenbaum will do the education.

Then, we turned our attention to new CPC contacts with Newton private schools, colleges and universities. NPD Auxiliary Captain Scott Rosenbaum, CPC reported that liaison with Mt. Ida was interrupted by the loss of their Chief of Police. But he expected to resume that contact when a new Chief is hired.

CPC liaison person on Domestic Violence, Bernie Goulding reported (generally during the meeting and more specifically after the meeting) that NPD Sgt. Bill Spalding is currently running the first NPD-RAD (Rape Defense) classes. Course time is 16 hours; participants are 20-30 for each course; there are 4 NPD certified instructors; current classes are held at the Carr

School annex gym; Newton South PTO members have asked Sgt. Spaulding to also offer courses to graduating seniors (potentially 300 per year); new interest is developing to also instruct 9th grade girls; etc.

Next, there was a discussion about how we might help in dealings with youthful offenders. In this context, we watched a 40-minute documentary film (DVD), about a student, a school and a case that made history. *Bullied* is a film that chronicles one student's ordeal at the hands of anti-gay bullies and offers an inspiring message of hope to those fighting harassment today. It tells about the journey of a high school student from his experience as a victim through the Federal courts to a successful result at the United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in 1996. Telling about his experiences was intended as a cornerstone of anti-bullying efforts in middle and high schools.

To continue with this focus on youthful offenders, the group considered inviting one of the NPD youth officers to speak at our next meeting. Consideration will also be given to co-sponsorship of the NPD-RAD effort. In addition, the Chair will ask Lt. Bruce Apotheker to report on the progress of the NPD three year inspection. That effort is being undertaken by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA[®]), which was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority.

The next meeting will be on April 20, 2011. On a motion made by the Chair, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.